

NEWPORT ITALIANFEST RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH WITH INAUGURAL LAUREN HILL'S 5K SPAGHETTI RUN

Help Put a Fork in Cancer June 11

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NEWPORT – In late 2014 the nation was captivated by Lauren Hill, the 19-year-old Mt. St. Joseph University basketball player who bravely battled but ultimately was taken by a rare form of brain cancer.

To honor her memory and to raise money for cancer research and care, Newport's Italianfest will hold the annual **Lauren Hill's 5K Spaghetti Run at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11**. Italianfest, one of the most popular summer festivals in Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary June 9-12 at Festival Park, which is held at Riverboat Row on Newport's riverfront.

The Spaghetti Run will benefit Hill's The Cure Starts Now Foundation, which is dedicated to raising funding for pediatric brain cancer research and care.

"Italianfest is always a great time with tremendous food, drink, music, rides and more," said Sal Wertheim, Special Events Coordinator for The City of Newport. "At the heart of the festival is Newport's great Italian heritage. The Italians that came here, raised their families here and still live here and in the region are all about family and helping one another, particularly through the tough times."

"The City of Newport and the organizers of Italianfest felt the Lauren Hill 5K Spaghetti Run was not only a tremendous opportunity to raise money for cancer research but to also honor the courage, memory and legacy of Lauren Hill," Wertheim said. "Help put a fork in cancer and register today."

The 5K race will start and finish Riverboat Row & Columbia Street. Pre-registration is \$40 and includes a T-shirt and \$10 of Italianfest "Pasta Bucks", which can be spent at Italianfest vendor booths. Registration is \$50 after June 9.



To register for Lauren Hill's 5K Spaghetti Run, visit

<http://cincyrace.com/lauren-hills-5k-spaghetti-run/> .

For more information about the Foundation and its work, visit www.thecurestartsnow.org .

